

2. Summary of Public Review Process

2.1 Notice of Completion and Draft EIR Distribution

The EIR process for the Shore Terminals LLC Martinez Marine Terminal Lease Consideration Project began with publication of a Notice of Preparation by the CSLC in March 2001. The Draft EIR was released for public review in May 2004, and consisted of a detailed analysis of impacts in 13 environmental disciplines. A summary of public involvement opportunities during the CEQA process is presented below. A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR, the comments received on the Draft EIR, and responses to the comments are provided in Section 3 of this Final EIR.

2.2 Public Hearing

In May 2004, a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIR was sent to involved agencies and parties interested in the proposed Project. The Notice summarized the conclusions of the Draft EIR and included information on how to access the Draft EIR. It also presented the date, time, and location of the public hearing on the Draft EIR.

Public Hearing

Following the release of the Draft EIR, the 45-day public review period extended until July 6, 2004. Two Public Hearings were held on June 23, 2004, at the Contra Costa County Administration Building in Martinez. At this hearing, the public was given the opportunity to ask questions about the EIR and its contents and present oral and/or written testimony on the Draft EIR and its contents. The CSLC's decision-making process was also explained at the Public Hearing.

EIR Information and Repository Sites

Placing CEQA documents in "repository" sites can be an effective way of providing ongoing information about the project to a large number of people. Therefore, six repository sites in the vicinity of the proposed Project were established, and documents are also available at the CSLC in Sacramento. EIR-related documents including the Draft and Final EIR have been made available upon their release to the public at the locations listed below.

Martinez Public Library 740 Court Street Martinez, CA 94553 (925) 646-2898	Contra Costa County Library 1750 Oak Park Blvd Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 (800) 984-INFO	Concord Library 2900 Silvio Street Concord, CA 94519-2597 (925) 646-5455
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Benicia Public Library 150 East L Street Benicia, CA 94510 (707) 746-4343	Contra Costa Law Library 1020 Ward Street Martinez, CA 94554 (925) 646-2783	CSLC, Attn: Valerie Van Way 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100- South Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 574-2274
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Public Review Period

In compliance with CEQA Guidelines, the CSLC provided a public review period of 45 days for the Draft EIR. The CSLC allowed written comments on the Draft EIR to be submitted by mail, at the Public Hearing, via facsimile transmission, via e-mail, and in person to the CSLC Central Files office in Sacramento.

The comments received by the CSLC during the public review period and at the Public Hearing are reproduced in this Final EIR along with responses to comments (Section 3).